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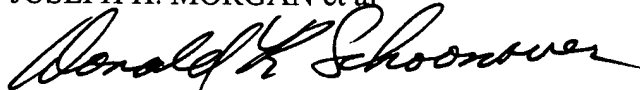
Applicant has carefully considered the Office Action mailed November 17, 2004. Reconsideration of the application in view of this amendment in response thereto is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 9 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. More specifically, various terms lacked antecedent basis as set forth in the Office Action. It is noted that claims 1, 2, 9 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 2, 9 and 14 have now been amended to provide antecedent bases for the terms as set forth in the Office Action and should now overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 3-8 and 10-13 are allowed as originally submitted.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if it is felt that the prosecution of this application may be expedited thereby.

Respectfully submitted,  
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